



ORC led initiatives

Organic Arable, Organic Seed Producers, OMSCo,
OGA, Organic Resource Agency

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INITIATIVES

- Organic Arable (OA)
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When the ORC was founded, as Elm Farm Research Centre, it was done so with a pioneering spirit and a genuine desire to push the boundaries and discover how organic farming practices could be incorporated into UK agriculture. That quest for knowledge has helped to develop practical and sustainable solutions for the industry.

As well as having an impact on policy, collaborating with some of the world's leading scientists to carry out cutting edge research and creating information hubs such as Agricology to share our research widely across the whole farming community, over the last 40 years the ORC has also supported organic farmers to find viable markets for their products. This was achieved through enabling the formation of several pioneering organisations including **Organic Arable (OA)**, **Organic Seed Producers Ltd (OSP)**, which was an offshoot of ORC's Seeds for the Future project, and the **Organic Milk Suppliers Co-operative (OMSCo)**. ORC also helped growers to form the **Organic Growers Alliance (OGA)**, and the **Organic Resource Agency (ORA)** developed as an offshoot of ORC's research programme.



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Some of these networks still continue to prove invaluable to the agricultural industry today. Speaking in a recent ORC 40th anniversary podcast on Business and Cereal Markets within the organic sector, Andrew Trump, Managing Director at Organic Arable, explained that OA was set-up in 1999 with the support of ORC and the organisation continues to be farmer run, delivering what organic farmers need in relation to grain marketing, as well as supporting organic research such as the [no-till with living mulches field lab](#) and [LiveWheat](#), and delivery of projects such as [CERERE](#) and [LIVSEED](#). ORC's determination to drive positive change is as alive now as it was 40 years ago and forms the heart of who we are as an organisation.

FURTHER READING

1. ORC 40th Anniversary Communication Hub: tinyurl.com/87za38rc
2. 40th Anniversary Podcast - Episode 5 with Organic Arable: tinyurl.com/wbrh24u4
3. Organic Arable website: organicarable.co.uk
4. OMSCo website: omsco.co.uk OGA website: organicgrowersalliance.co.uk



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